
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 30, 2012

A Joint State hearing was held today to review ongoing Columbia River Chinook and sturgeon recreational fisheries upstream of Bonneville Dam and took the following actions:

The States extended the ongoing Chinook sport fishery for six additional days through May 6

<i>2012 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries</i>	
Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border	
Season:	Friday March 16 through Sunday May 6, 2012
Area:	Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border, plus the Oregon and Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
Daily Bag Limit:	Two adult Chinook or steelhead per day or one of each. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
Additional Regulations:	For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, effective through June 15, it is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length (substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration) to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released

The states considered a sturgeon retention period in Bonneville Pool, and reviewed the ongoing sturgeon retention fishery in the John Day pool and took the following actions:

<i>Bonneville Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Season:	June 15-16 (Fri-Sat) and June 22-23 (Fri-Sat), 2012 4 days
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.
Allowable Catch:	White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length Retention of green sturgeon prohibited

<i>John Day Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
CLOSED effective 12:01 AM Monday May 21, 2012: The John Day Pool and adjacent tributaries to white sturgeon retention.	

Future Hearings:

2:00 PM Monday May 7 – stock status and fishery review

Summer Compact Hearing #1: 10:00 AM Wednesday June 13, 2012

Fall Compact Hearing #1: 10:00 AM Thursday July 26, 2012